

26. A method for charging for distributed network analysis, comprising:
collecting network traffic information utilizing a plurality of information
collectors;
consolidating the network traffic information utilizing at least one information
collector manager coupled to the information collectors;
reporting on the network traffic information to a user utilizing at least one
interface; and
determining a fee associated with the distributed network analysis based on a
number of the information collectors.

27. The method as recited in claim 26, wherein the fee is reoccurring.

28. A computer program product for charging for distributed network analysis,
comprising:
computer code for collecting network traffic information utilizing a plurality of
information collectors;
computer code for consolidating the network traffic information utilizing at least
one information collector manager coupled to the information collectors;
computer code for reporting on the network traffic information to a user utilizing
at least one interface; and
computer code for determining a fee associated with the distributed network
analysis based on a number of the information collectors.

29. The computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein the fee is
reoccurring.